

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
BOISE NATIONAL FOREST
MOUNTAIN HOME RANGER DISTRICT**

National Forest System Trails Order
Danskin Mountain OHV Area Temporary Closure

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50(b), the following act is prohibited on the National Forest System trails as described in this order, within the Mountain Home Ranger District, Boise National Forest until further notice.

1. Using any motor vehicle on the Trail (as described below). **36 CFR 261.55(b)**

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a special use authorization or other Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Forest Service administrative and project personnel engaged in an official duty.
3. Any Federal, State, or local law enforcement officer in the performance of an official duty.

TRAILS DESCRIBED:

All National Forest System Trails located within the **Danskin Mountains Off-Highway Vehicle Area**, Mountain Home Ranger District, Boise National Forest, Elmore County, Idaho.

The Danskin Mountains Off-Highway Vehicle Area is further described as all National Forest System lands within the area beginning from a point located along the proclaimed Boise National Forest boundary and the junction with National Forest System (NFS) Road #189 located within Township 2 North, Range 4 East, on the south boundary of Section 13, then easterly along the south side of NFS Road #189 approximately 12 miles to Neal Bridge crossing over the South Fork Boise River located within Township 3 North, Range 6 East, Section 34, then southeasterly along the west and south stream banks of the South Fork Boise River approximately 9 miles to a location known as Cougar Flat located in Township 2 North, Range 7 East, southeast corner of Section 33, then south 3 miles to Township 1 North, Range 7 East, southeast corner of Section 16, then west 2 miles to Township 1 North, Range 7 East, southwest corner of Section 17, then north 2 miles to Township 1 North, Range 7 East, southwest corner of Section 5, then westerly approximately 6.5 miles along the common boundary between National Forest System lands and State and/or private lands to a point located within Township 1 North, Range 6 East, southwest corner of the east ½ of Section 6, then northwesterly approximately 10 miles along the common boundary between National Forest System lands and State, Bureau of Land Management, and/or private lands to the point of beginning, Boise Meridian.

PURPOSE:

The trails listed in this order are temporarily **closed to all motorized vehicles** (i.e. Off-Highway motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, etc.). This restriction is necessary to minimize resource and trail damage due to wet trail conditions.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until further notice.
2. A map identifying the trails is attached and made part of this Order.
3. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571(b) (6), Title 18 USC 3581 (b) (7)].
4. This Order supersedes any previous orders for the above-described trails.
5. Further information regarding this order may be obtained at the Boise National Forest Supervisor's Office (208-373-4100) in Boise, ID and the Mountain Home Ranger District (208-587-7961) in Mountain Home, ID.

Done at Boise, Idaho this 7th day of April, 2010


CECILIA R. SEESHOLTZ
Forest Supervisor
Boise National Forest

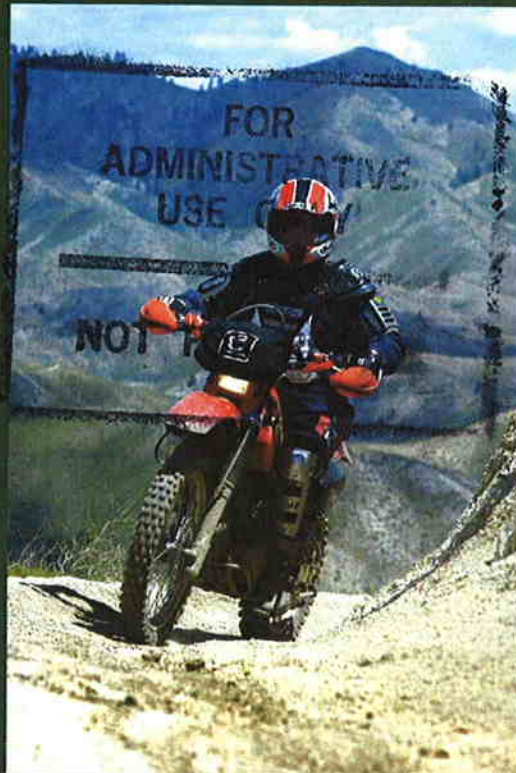
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The Danskin Mountains Off-Highway Motorcycle and All-Terrain Vehicle Trails map is available for purchase of public viewing at the Mountain Home Ranger Station or Boise National Forest Supervisor's Office.

DANSKIN MOUNTAINS

**Off-Highway Motorcycle and
All-Terrain Vehicle Trails**

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Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan

1. Background. In 2005, a special order was implemented to restrict motor vehicle use on all designated trails located on National Forest System lands within the Danskin Mountains OHV Area. In 2007, as part of the Motorized Wheeled-Vehicle Route Designation and in subsequent development of the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM), the special order was rescinded and the closure was covered using the MVUM. The closure is from January 1 - April 10. The purpose of the seasonal closure is to minimize trail damage and protect resources during the wet spring thaw conditions. Trails are especially susceptible to surface damage during the early spring due to saturated soils from snowmelt and active freezing thawing cycles. The portions located on northerly facing aspects and on deeper, valley bottom soils are those that currently receive the most damage. Trail segments in these locations take longer to become snow-free and remain wet and muddy past when trails on southerly slopes or in ridge top locations and trailheads become useable.
2. Intent of Subpart B order. The order will prohibit using any motor vehicle on the trails within the Danskin Mountain OHV Area. The order extension is needed due to lingering snow and continued rainfall that have led to very wet trail conditions.
3. Enforcement Plan. The following activities need to occur to implement this special order in a manner that results in public acceptance and safety: On-ground signing to meet posting requirements in 36 CFR 261.51(b).

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	Appropriate Staff with LE&I input	03/31/10
Review proposed order	Breck Young	04/06/10
Review proposed order	RO LE&I and OGC	04/06/10
Approve proposed order	Cecilia R. Seesholtz	04/07/10
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	MHRD Recreation staff	04/08/10
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	MHRD Recreation staff, Public Affairs Officer	04/06/10
Describe implementation/action taken for order: Actions already completed: Trail system entrances have been signed with the closure information. Actions Needed: Update posted signing to reflect closure extension. Enforce order.	Appropriate District Staff LEO and field going personnel	Ongoing

Enforcement Plan approved for implementation:


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DATE